

I am opposed to allowing cellphone usage during flight. It is my understanding that there are over 150 documented instances where electronics have caused interference with navigational instruments and many additional suspected cases. I am also concerned about the added potential for violence on any given flight, stemming either from air rage towards a loudmouth or from terrorists coordinating an attack. Lastly, on a daily basis, I see passengers who take advantage of changing policies (give an inch, they take a mile). When cellphone usage only was allowed on taxi, 2 way pagers regularly got turned on (even though they were specifically excluded at first). I find many people who start checking emails during our descent for landing (because they figure they can get away with it, and many do). As flight attendants, my colleagues & I continually "police" the aircraft to make sure that passengers comply with federal & airline policies to keep them as safe as possible. I am concerned about the confrontations with the 5% of passengers who feel that regulations are for other people and not for them & therefore think it is okay to do what they want regardless of federal regulations. These passengers often require additional attention from crew members which dilutes the quality of attention to our other duties.

Thank you for your consideration.